



## Zonta Club of Pikes Peak Area

*Member of Zonta International*

**SAY NO – UNITE**  
End Violence against Women

**Let Us Count You In!**  
[www.saynotoviolence.org](http://www.saynotoviolence.org)

### **Zonta International Unites to Say No to Violence Against Women!**

**Preventing and ending violence against women and girls is a top priority for Zonta International and its 32,000 members in more than 1,200 Zonta clubs around the globe. Through the Zonta International Strategies for Violence Against Women (ZISVAW) program, Zonta International has assisted victims of violence and human trafficking around the globe by: raising awareness of, and improving education about, violence against women; promoting and enforcing local laws and policies that protect women and victims of violence; and providing medical, legal, rehabilitation and reintegration services for survivors of violence. Locally, Zonta clubs dedicate time and resources to supporting projects that prevent violence against women and support victims of violence in their communities.**

**Zonta International joins UNIFEM in asking members and friends of Zonta around the world to join the global call to make ending violence against women worldwide a top priority.**

#### **Femicide - the murder of women because they are women**

\* In the United States, one-third of women murdered each year are killed by intimate partners.

\* In South Africa, a woman is killed every 6 hours by an intimate partner.

\* In India, 22 women were killed each day in dowry-related murders in 2007.

\* In Guatemala, two women are murdered, on average, each day.

#### **Trafficking**

\* Women and girls comprise 80 percent of the estimated 800,000 people trafficked annually, with the majority (79 percent) trafficked for sexual exploitation.

#### **Harmful practices**

\* Approximately 100 to 140 million girls and women in the world have experienced female genital mutilation/cutting, with more than 3 million girls in Africa annually at risk of the practice.

\* Over 60 million girls worldwide are child brides, married before the age of 18, primarily in South Asia (31.1 million) and Sub-Saharan Africa (14.1 million).

#### **Sexual violence against women and girls**

\* An estimated 150 million girls under 18 suffered some form of sexual violence in 2002 alone.

\* As many as 1 in 4 women experience physical and/or sexual violence during pregnancy which increases the likelihood of having a miscarriage, stillbirth and abortion. Up to 53 percent of women physically abused by their intimate partners are being kicked or punched in the abdomen.

\* In Sao Paulo, Brazil, a woman is assaulted every 15 seconds.

\* In Ecuador, adolescent girls reporting sexual violence in school identified teachers as the perpetrator in 37 per cent of cases.

#### **Rape as a method of warfare**

\* Approximately 250,000 to 500,000 women and girls were raped in the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

\* In eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, at least 200,000 cases of sexual violence, mostly involving women and girls, have been documented since 1996, though the actual numbers are considered to be much higher.

*Opening doors to the Centurians  
who will carry on*



## International Programs



*“Men, their rights,  
and nothing more;  
women, their rights,  
and nothing less.”*

– Susan B. Anthony

## ZISVAW Grants: 2008-2010 Funding

Project: Community-Based Center for Women in Syria  
Funding: US\$100,000 to UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women, Administered by UNIFEM

In Syrian society, violence in the home is still largely considered a family matter, not to be interfered in by outsiders. According to General Union of Women spokeswoman Hana Qaddoura, many Syrians believe that violence in the home doesn't count as real violence, and a woman who is beaten by her husband is generally only considered to be in a bad relationship and not the victim of violence.

For many years a code of silence has meant that violence against women was not talked about. Syria is a country in which family honor is taken very seriously, and to discuss such matters would not have been in keeping with the honor code. Women have been afraid or ashamed to report violence either experienced or witnessed, the media refrained from reporting on the phenomenon of so-called honor killings, even as nearly 300 were committed each year, and until recently the government would not even collect information about violence against women.

This silence means that women victims of violence in Syria often do not know what to do to escape from their abusers. One in 4 married Syrian women report being beaten by a family member, usually their husband or father, and even more have experienced emotional abuse. The few available shelters are often ill-equipped and poorly publicized, so that even those women who understand that they have a right to live free of violence do not know where to go.

### RESPONSE:

The Association for Women's Role Development (AWRD) will create a high quality one-stop center for survivors of violence, focusing especially on those women who are living in poverty. The center will provide immediate protection for women escaping from an abusive situation in addition to offering medical and legal aid. Survivors will have access to counseling and will be assisted with reintegration into their communities when the time comes.

The center will also address the broad causes of violence by launching awareness and advocacy campaigns aimed at survivors, victims, authorities and the general public. By addressing harmful societal ideals and discriminatory practices, women will become less vulnerable to violence, and women along with men and boys will be taught to speak out against violence against women.

## March 4, 2010 – A One Night Event

### Half the Sky

Celebrate International Women's Day and be inspired to help women and girls everywhere turn oppression into opportunity. Featuring musical performances, celebrity commentary and the world premiere of "Woineshet," a short film by Academy Award® winner Marisa Tomei and Lisa Leone.

Buy tickets: <http://halftheskylive.com>



## Share Zonta – March 15, 2010

Zonta is one of those well-kept secrets – an organization dedicated to the highest good of women around the world, made up of committed, fun and friendly women from the Pikes Peak Region. As members, our friends and families have been hearing us talk about Zonta for years so why not share it with them at a special event planned just for them – a FRIENDS of ZONTA – POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER meeting.

When: Monday, March 15, 2010, beginning at 5:30pm

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel (I-25 and Circle Drive)

Program: Hear from the Trampled Rose, an update of the project to empower some of the world's most vulnerable women – those experiencing obstetric fistula.

PRIZES - FOOD - FUN RSVP to Pat D. by March 11, 2010



WHOO will we see in Laramie?

A word to the WISE...

Save the date for the next District 12 Conference!

September 30- October 3, 2010

### 2010

March 4	Half the Sky
March 8	International Women's Day
See <a href="http://internationalwomensday.com">http://internationalwomensday.com</a>	
March 15	Zonta Rose Day
March 19-20	General Meeting
March 26-27	Area 2 Meeting - Laramie
	Area 4 Meeting – Colorado Springs
	Knowledge is Key!
April 10	Area 3 Meeting – Foothills
April 30	Area 1 Meeting – So. Black Hills
June 25-30	60 <sup>th</sup> ZI Convention, San Antonio TX

REGISTER: <http://www.zonta2010.org/Registration.htm>

September 30-  
October 3 District 12 Conference - Laramie

Make the Connection!  
Register on the Zonta International site for access to Member Resources. <http://zonta.org>

## ZI Convention in the USA!

June 25-30<sup>th</sup> 2010

Opening ceremony is June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Make your plans for San Antonio!



WOULDN'T IT BE FUN IF??

\*\*\*10 or more members of the Pikes Peak Area Zonta Club attended the Zonta International Convention in San Antonio??

\*\*\*The Pikes Peak Area Zonta Club elected their delegate and alternate, and these representatives of our club studied all the voting issues and kept us up to date on them? As far as I know, voting issues have not yet been distributed. They usually include election of officers for the next biennium, and any changes to the bylaws. These are sent to the club/delegates for discussion at the club level in time for convention. Can be very exciting if there are heated discussions! At Convention, delegates and alternates must take training for the electronic voting. (e-z p-z) There is a line item in our budget to help with our delegate and alternate expenses.

\*\*\*Each member of the Pikes Peak Area Zonta Club who attended the Convention would meet fascinating and stimulating Zontians from all over the world, just like them? Read 'Convention Tidbits' on the [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org), convention link. See about trading pins, Hospitality Corral, bringing business cards to exchange, etc. See 'Networking Luncheon' under 'Ticketed Events' \*\*\*An increased new sense of pride in who and what we are would inspire each member who attends the convention and they would return to Colorado Springs with a new world vision that they could apply locally?

This may be the closest International Convention to us for quite a while. One of the strongest draws for many of us long-time Zontians is the ability to meet and know other Zontians from all over the United States, and the world. Don't miss this is one, if you can help it!!!

\*\*\*While in San Antonio, the members of the Pikes Peak Area Club would take some time to be together and pay attention to each other's experiences and joys?

We need to nurture and care about each other, too. What better time than when we're surrounded by such inspiring, outstanding women! We'll all be busy running about, but we can manage to share a 'howdy' and maybe, a coffee, during a few minutes. Let's try!

\*\*\*Just received an email today that D12 is attempting to get a bus starting in Spearfish on June 23, and heading to San Antonio stopping overnight in Denver, and returning too. How about that???

See email from Anita Zastrow for Governor Priscilla Romkema, dated 2/23/10!!

WOULDN'T IT BE FUN IF??

-Betty E.

<http://www.zonta2010.org/>

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THE  
STATUS  
OF  
WOMEN  
WORLDWIDE”



**Zonta International**  
*Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide*

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### ***Our Mission...***

To advance the status of women and serve our community through local and international contributions, and to achieve personal and professional growth in a nurturing and supportive environment.

### ***About Our Organization...***

The Zonta Club of the Pikes Peak Area has been serving our community since 1949 by advancing the status of women. Our club has devoted funds to scholarships for women returning to the workforce as well as to high school seniors seeking to further their education in Public Affairs or Aeronautics and other highly technical fields. Many funds as well as hands-on service hours and mentorships have been dedicated to TESSA, Intercept, Full-Circle, and support of the locally-placed Liberian refugees.

### **Find out more about Zonta:**

[ZontaPikesPeak.org](http://ZontaPikesPeak.org)

### **Member Information**

Nearly 33,000 members belong to more than 1,200 Zonta Clubs in 66 countries.

*Fulfilling our mission locally and globally.*

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